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a. Many aircraft were parked in front of the hangars of the STAAKEN (N 53/2 65) airfield in the morning but were not there in the late afternoon.

b. Nineteen single-engine planes were parked in two rows in the western section of the airfield.

Description: Low-wing monoplane, radial engine, three-bladed propeller, short, stubby fuselage, cockpit set in mid-wing, rear section fairing into fuselage, landing gear retracting inward, radiator set under fuselage at trailing edge of wing, some aircraft with angular, others with rounded wing tips, shape of rudder assembly same as wing.

c. The engines of all aircraft started at about the same time but the cranking was not heard. The planes took off in elements of two at intervals of ten seconds and headed west. They also flew in hazy weather.

2. Eleven twin-engine DC-3s and one U-2 biplane were parked in the eastern section of the airfield.

3. An uncovered searchlight was located near the radio station west of the field.

Comment:

The report confirms that the field was occupied by LI-2s which had come from SCHOENWALDE. These planes are assumed to be a training unit of the III Bnr Corps. It has not been ascertained whether the fighter regiment previously stationed in STAAKEN is still located there. Thirty-six LA-5s and LA-9s observed at the field on 23 September 1949 were not stationed there on 24 September 1949. Since that date only individual fighters have been observed in STAAKEN.

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